



### Via Courier

September 8, 2004

Securities and Exchange Commission Judiciary Plaza 450 - 5th Street NW Washington, D.C. 20549 U.S.A.



Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Harvest Energy Trust (the "Trust")

File No. 82-34779

Exemption Pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b)

Pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, enclosed are copies of the Trust's documents listed on the attached "Exhibit A". As required pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b), the exemption number appears in the upper right-hand corner of each unbound page and of the first page of each bound document.

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Yours truly,

HARVEST OPERATIONS CORP.

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### Exhibit A

1. Press release dated September 2, 2004 announcing the closing of a \$526 million acquisition.

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